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Letter of Support by Chippewa/Cree Elder ; Theresa Tendoy

I like the idea of retaining our culture and language. As Indian people our culture and language are very important to us. I want our children to learn these things and this bill will help us to preserve our rich culture. In turn non- Indian children will benefit also. Sharing cultures will help bring Montanans together and foster better relationships.

Education is very important to our children we need all the help we can get to keep them in school. Our future generations must be educated to get jobs and support their families. This bill would help our children stay in school by making sure educators incorporate curriculum that is culturally relevant and positive. We want to share the positive contributions Indians have made to Montanans. Now is the time for us all to come together and create a better future for all of our children.